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Docket No.: 01-48 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Heringa et al.

Serial No.: 09/978,110

Filed: October 15, 2001

Title: CARRIER FOR A  
CHROMATOGRAPHIC COLUMN

Examiner: Krishnan Menon

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, the period for response being extended to expire April 20, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Please amend the subject application as follows: